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SUBJECT: RAM AND BAHUGUNA JOIN DESAI'S GOVERNMENT

1. SEVERAL DAYS OF INTENSE MANEUVERING AND NEGOTIATION APPARENTLY ENDED TODAY (MARCH 27) AT MID-DAY WHEN JAGJIVAN RAM TOLD NEWSMEN AND CHEERING SUPPORTERS THAT HE AND CFD GENERAL SECRETARY H.N.

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BAHUGUNA HAD DECIDED TO JOIN MORARJI DESAI'S CABINET. THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWED A MEETING OF THE CFD NATIONAL EXECUTIVE. RAM SAID THAT J.P. NARAYAN'S LAST-MINUTE APPEAL "AMOUNTS TO A DIRECTIVE FOR ME" SINCE HIS RELATONS WITH J.P. WERE SO INTIMATE AND HIS REGARDS FOR HIM SO GREAT. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE CFD WOULD RETAIN ITS SEPARATE IDENTITY OUTSIDE PARLIAMENT HOUSE BUT WOULD BE A PART OF THE JANATA PARTY INSIDE PARLIAMENT.

RAM ADDED THAT HE AND BAHUGUNA HAD PLACED THEMSELVES IN THE PM'S HANDS AND WOULD ACCEPT ANY PORTFOLIO WHICH DESAI OFFERED.

2. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENTS, GEORGE FERNANDES ANNOUNCED HIS DECISION TO JOIN DESAI'S CABINET, AND THE AIDMK, WHICH HAD BEEN AN ELECTORAL ALLY OF THE CONGRESS IN TAMIL NADU, HAS DECIDED TO SUPPORT THE JANATA PARTY GOVERNMENT. IT HOLDS 19 SEATS IN THE NEW LOK SABHA.

3. THE GOI HAS ALSO JUST REVOKED THE EXTERNAL STATE OF EMERGENCY WHICH HAS BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE THE 1971 BANGLADESH WAR.

4. THE EUPHORIA ABOUT THE PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE IS SUBSTANTIAL. HIS SON, WHO IS ACTING AS MORARJI'S PERSONAL STAFF DIRECTOR, TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER EARLIER THAT THE RECALCITRANTS WERE ALL IN. THE PEOPLE WOULD NOT LET THEM STAY OUT, HE COMMENTED. THE MOST HUMBLE SUPPORTED THIS PARTY; THEY WANT THIS GOVERNMENT TO SUCCEED.
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